

Osteoarthritis and Cartilage



2014 World Congress on Osteoarthritis Promoting Clinical and Basic Research in Osteoarthritis

Welcome Letter

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2014 Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) World Congress being held in Paris, France from April 24–27, 2014.

The annual OARSI Congress is a global forum for all people involved in OA research and treatment including basic scientists from academia and industry, clinical investigators, radiologists, rheumatologists, orthopedic surgeons, physicians in physical medicine and rehabilitation, allied health professionals and policy makers. In keeping with the multidisciplinary international membership of OARSI, this meeting will feature speakers from around the world presenting up-to-date information on a wide range of topics related to joint damage and repair as it relates to OA. This year's program includes six plenary sessions, fourteen concurrent sessions and six breakfast sessions.

A wide range of topics related to OA will be covered, examples of which are development, genomic technologies, biological joint repair, pain, clinical outcomes and patient expectations, biomechanics, rehabilitation, chondrocyte biology, imaging, biomarkers and clinical trials. As in past years, and by popular demand, there will be a debate. This year we will focus on whether MR or plain radiographs are better to evaluate outcome in clinical trials. The Congress will close with the Year in Review in which internationally renowned research leaders will provide an overview of progress in key areas of OA research.

Mentorship sessions are planned for young investigators, giving them the opportunity to discuss their ideas with leaders in diverse fields of research and a special session will focus on a theme chosen by the young investigator sub-committee.

Breakfast workshops allow attendees to meet and speak with experts in specific areas of basic or clinical science. The workshops will focus on important aspects of osteoarthritis including pain profiling and management, epigenetics, investigating cartilage at the cellular level, clinical trials, and rare joint syndromes and more.

Clearly it is going to be another stimulating World Congress on the advances in OA-related research. This meeting will also allow you the opportunity to join a global network of individuals from a broad range of disciplines, all working towards a better understanding of OA with the goal to prevent or treat or cure the disease. Whether you are a returning member, or joining us for the first time, we welcome you to OARSI 2014 in Paris.

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